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Review of Proposed Sample of Chemical Equipment for [REDACTED]
Machinery Ruble-Dollar Ratio Study

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1. The term, chemical equipment, as used in the USSR is broader than the one used in the United States and covers a wide range of equipment, including such items as autoclaves, reactors, electrolytic cells, crystallizers, mixers, various types of columns, pumps, compressors, filters, centrifuges, heat exchangers, evaporators, driers, and crushers.

2. Consequently, the proposed sample of chemical equipment for the [REDACTED] ruble-dollar ratio study is not a representative sample for computing a ruble-dollar ratio, and any extension of the ruble-dollar ratio obtained from the present sample to cover the chemical equipment field would be misleading.

3. Furthermore, the problem of selecting a representative sample to cover chemical equipment is complex because many of the chemical equipment items are not general purpose items. They are specially designed and manufactured for specific operations and conditions of a particular plant.

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4. We shall be glad to cooperate further with you in this work. However, [REDACTED] will have to obtain US data for comparable items since we do not have US data readily available. Moreover, we do not deem it worthwhile to expend any time on computing the ruble-dollar ratio for the frames and plates of the filter presses since they are parts of the presses.

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